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1. AMEMBASSY AND US ARMY TECHNICAL GROUP (USATG) OFFICES CONFERRED WITH MR. HARRY J. BURTON, CHIEF, CIVILIAN AVIATION ADVISORY GROUP (CAAG) OF THE CHINESE CIVIL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (CCAA). USATG MAINTAINS ROUTINE LIAISON WITH AIRPORT SECURITY AUTHORITIES.

2. BURTON MADE DIRECT CONTACT WITH MR. D.C. KOA, DIRECTOR, PLANNING, LEGAL AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS DIVISION, CCAA, WHO CONFIRMED ROC FOLLOWS GUIDELINES OF ANNEX 17 TO CHICAGO CONVENTION. KOA WAS ROC REPRESENTATIVE TO THE HAGUE AND MONTREAL CONVENTIONS AND CONFIRMED ROC HAS RATIFIED BOTH.

3. WITH REGARD TO PARA 3, REFTEL, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT ROC IS STILL UNDER A MODIFIED STATE OF MARTIAL LAW. IT WAS THE PROFESSIONAL OPINION OF BURTON THAT AIRPORT SECURITY IS VERY STRICT, AN OPINION CONFIRMED BY OBSERVATIONS OF RSO WHO HAS MADE FIVE ROUND TRIPS HKG/TPE IN FOUR MONTHS. IT IS POSSIBLE FOR TRANSIT PASSENGERS TO MIX WITH EMBARKING PASSENGERS; HOWEVER, ALL ARE SUBJECT TO BODY SEARCH AND INSPECTION OF HANDBAGGAGE BEFORE
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ENTERING GATE-LOUNGE AREA. ROC OFFICIALS ARE CONSTANTLY EVALUATING

AND UPGRADING SECURITY PROCEDURES. USATG IS CURRENTLY IN INITIAL
PLANNING STAGES FOR A SEMINAR ON AIRPORT SECURITY TO BE GIVEN
TO AIRPORT SECURITY PERSONNEL USING USATG EMPLOYEES WHO ARE RECENT
GRADUATES OF FAA SECURITY COURSES GIVEN IN OKLAHOMA CITY. IN
SHORT, WHILE AN ISTANBUL TYPE ATTACK IS REMOTELY POSSIBLE
IN ROC, SUCH AN EVENTUALITY IS CONSIDERED HIGHLY UNLIKELY.
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